

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**11/3/2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Release of Municipal Funds	David B. Fieldman Village Manager

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution for the release of municipal funds has been prepared urging Illinois state leaders to release non-general fund revenues to local municipalities.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Goals for 2011-2018 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The funds at risk for the remainder of FY15 are \$1.25 million in Motor Fuel Tax and Use Tax revenues.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption on the November 3, 2015 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Illinois Municipal League (IML) has been actively working to gain the release of funds being withheld by the State of Illinois during its lengthy budget impasse. As our advocate in Springfield, the IML has had numerous meetings and discussions centered on the importance of releasing local funds that are critical to municipal operations, programs and services.

Various forms of legislation have been introduced that would authorize the State to release specific funds (Motor Fuel Tax, Use Tax, video gaming fees, casino fees, 9-1-1 service fees) and/or all non-general revenue funds that are otherwise distributed to local governments. A resolution has been drafted in support of releasing local funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION URGING ILLINOIS STATE LEADERS  
TO RELEASE NON-GENERAL FUND REVENUES  
PAYABLE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois has been operating without a Fiscal Year 2016 State budget since July 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the absence of a budget has resulted in the State withholding over \$150,000,000.00 (one hundred fifty million) in revenue owed to municipal governments for lack of appropriation authority; and

**WHEREAS**, critical local services, such as road construction, maintenance and repair will remain underfunded until State leaders take action to release local Motor Fuel Tax Funds to municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities rely on State distributions of local revenue to fund their 9-1-1 service centers and, without these funds, the effectiveness of emergency services to reach citizens will be in peril; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal budgets and basic services will be negatively impacted without the release of local Use Tax, video gaming fees and casino fees.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove that we call upon the Governor and General Assembly to take action to immediately release all non-general fund revenues owed to local governments. These funds include revenues from the Motor Fuel Tax, Wireless Service Emergency Fund, Use Tax, Local Government Video Gaming Distributive Fund and casino gaming;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Governor, Senate President, Senate Minority Leader, House Speaker, House Minority Leader and the Illinois Municipal League.

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Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk